Serial No. 09/961,308 Attorney Docket No. 236.002US08
Title: ATTACHMENT INTEGRATED CLAIMS SYSTEM AND OPERATING METHOD THEREFOR

REMARKS

Amendment Summary

Claims 105, 124 and 128 are amended herein for clarity. Claims 136-169 are added hereby. Applicant contends that the amendments and the new claims find support in the Specification as filed and do not constitute new matter.

New Claims

Applicant believes the new claims address the concerns of the Examiner and differentiate from the cited references.

New claims 136 and 137 include all patentable limitations of claim 105. For at least those reasons presented in Applicant's prior correspondence entering claim 105, Applicant contends that claims 136 and 137 are patentably distinct from the cited references.

New claim 138 recites in part, "to define, in response to first data entered into the first set of labeled fields, a first subset and a second subset of the second set of labeled fields, wherein the first subset of the second set of labeled fields is allowed to accept second data and the first subset of the second set of labeled fields contains at least one labeled field" and "wherein the second subset of the second set of labeled fields is inhibited from accepting data." Claim 138 further recites in part, "to generate a file, transmittable to a selected one of M possible recipients, from data entered into at least some of the labeled fields," and "to specify, in response to first data entered into the first set of labeled fields, a file format for the generated file, wherein the file format for the generated file is selected from a predetermined set of R file formats."

Applicant contends that the cited references do not teach or suggest defining two subsets of a second set of labeled fields in response to entering first data into a first set of labeled fields, wherein the first subset is allowed to accept second data and the second subset is inhibited from accepting data. Applicant further contends that the cited references do not teach or suggest generating a file whose format is specified in response to first data entered into the first set of labeled fields. Applicant thus contends that claim 138 and its dependent claims 139-169 are patentably distinct from the cited references.

FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant contends that new claims 136-169 are patentably distinct from the cited references. Applicant thus respectfully requests entry, examination and allowance of claims 136-169

CONCLUSION

Claims 105, 124 and 128 are amended herein. Claims 136-169 are added hereby. Claims 100-169 are now pending.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2204.

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